

# **Major Moves – Extending I-69 from Indianapolis to Evansville**

**The I-69 Extension from Indianapolis to Evansville is one of the most important economic development investments the state can make in Southwest Indiana.**

- Southwest Indiana deserves a transportation system that links the area to the rest of the state.
- Areas of Southwest Indiana have historically had the highest unemployment in the state.

**I-69 will bring major economic development for Southwest Indiana.**

- 47,000 jobs are created for every \$1 billion invested in roads, according to the USDOT.
- New employers require good access to transportation.
  - Toyota built in Princeton near highway 41 and I-64.
  - General Motors built in Fort Wayne off I-69.
  - Wal Mart and Dollar General are building regional warehouses in Marion off I-69
  - New High tech parks are springing up in Indiana off and I-69, I-74, I-65.

**I-69 will not be completed in our lifetime without Major Moves.**

- Under previous road funding plans, I-69 construction would not begin until 2017 with completion scheduled for 2035.
- Major Moves provides for construction to begin in 2008, with completion scheduled for 2018.
- There has never a funding source identified for I-69 until Major Moves.

**Major Moves will move I-69 from the drawing board to reality.**

- A public-private partner will slash the state money needed to build I-69.
- A public-private partner will want the road constructed as quickly as possible to maximize its return on investment.

**Safety and maintenance on I-69 will not be compromised**

- The lease agreement with the State would specify maintenance and construction standards.
  - The Chicago Skyway Lease even dictates how fast its private management company must remove dead animals from the road.
- Indiana will not turn over unrestricted power to raise tolls to any private company.
- Failure to comply with the lease agreement will result in stiff penalties and the State retains the right to sever the contract and resume construction and operation of the road.

**Several other states are using public-private partnerships to build new roads.**

- State Road 125 in San Diego, CA is a new construction highway using some public and private money – similar to the Major Moves proposal.
- State Route 895 (Pocahontas Highway) in Richmond, VA was built 15 years ahead of schedule as a public-private partnership.
- The Trans-Texas Corridor is a planned, multi-billion dollar development in Texas which uses tolls under a similar public-private partnership finance structure.

**If the legislature does not approve Major Moves, hundreds of vital transportation projects across the state will be indefinitely delayed until funding can be found.**